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THE END AND BIRT OF SATURDAY.

While the week in Justice Booker's Court, which we have described in our previous portrait this paper, was transpiring on Saturday morning, a drama, was being enacted in the streets before the Court House, which was finally production of the most Republican character, that the city had ever witnessed here, that the city had ever witnessed in the organized opposition to our new Lincoln, rioting and perilous among the larger portion of the Democracy of this city, and had been for several days past busily engaged in forming a Kansas-party and meeting throughout the ranks of their followers. Not only at the public meeting which they have held in the South Side but they labored the rank with treasonable and revolutionary speeches, in which they declared that the rights of the German citizens were invaded, their liberties taken away, and somehow made slaves by the Americans, and urged them to come down in force on the day when Judge Booker was to give his decision, and see that justice was done to the citizens. In pursuance of this, the Court was crowded in a portion in their favor, but on Saturday morning, then dog leaders assembled themselves on the Lager Beer Saloon, and set to work their orders to Judge Booker was to give his decision

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The Scene in Judge Rucker's Court.

MR. BLACKWELL'S ARGUMENT.

At an early hour on Saturday morning, the avenues leading to the Court House were thronged by the same persons who had been so anxious on the previous day to hear the decision of Judge Rucker. The southern of the room in which the cases were to be tried made it evident that a very small proportion of the crowd could by any possibility be really present, or in such a position to hear, and when the doors were opened the apartment was immediately filled by those of the crowd who happened to be nearest. The remainder pressed closely upon them on the outside, filling the large hall of the Court House, clustering on the stairs, steps, and hanging on the lamp posts.

The demeanor of the crowd was just what might have been expected. They pressed up to the Judge's table, leaned hard upon it now and thereof so that it was in danger of breaking down, rushed up against the stove and nearly upset it, stood up on chairs and benches, and climbed on the window ledges. They made such a noise and confusion that Judge Rucker, after enduring the annoyance for some time with admirable patience, and repeatedly requesting them to preserve order, was compelled to order the room to be cleared of all except parties and witnesses. The crowd slowly and reluctantly obeyed, and though leaving the room still remained in the hall and immediately adjoining. Even they appeared determined if they could not hear the lawyers' speeches they would have speeches of their own. A scene of confusion ensued, disgraceful in the highest degree to all concerned. Many tried to speak at once; and such a babel of tongues as for a time prevailed, we have never before witnessed under the Court House roof. Even during the speeches of counsel the crowd, swaying to and fro, pressed and kicked against the door of the room, and caused much delay and disturbance.

The police being sent for, and order being partially restored, at half past ten,

MR. BLACKWELL commenced the proceedings by reading to the Court the affidavits in the case, in substance as follows:

"The people vs. Tunkel Brown, and thirty-five others (naming them).

"The above-entitled causes have been removed by change of venue hither, from Hon. H. L. Rucker, Judge of the County Court of Cook, a justice of the peace, and said causes are now pending before him for trial. It is agreed by and between the City Attorney and the counsel for the defendants, that the proper charge of an act for the suppression of intemperance, and to amend chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes of Illinois, approved February 12, 1845, shall be admitted as evidence of the ordinance of the ordinance of said city; that the ordinance of the city entitled "An ordinance regulating the sale of spirituous liquors," passed March 28, 1855, and approved March 30, 1855, shall be admitted.

"It is admitted that each of the above defendants have sold spirituous liquors without license from the city, since the above recited ordinance was passed, and that said defendants are guilty, if the ordinance is valid, and the said justice of jurisdiction to hear and determine the said cause, and if the common council have authority to grant licenses to keep groceries or to sell liquors, and if those defendants took out a license, third-day or either of the above points.

It is agreed that the case of Gustavus A. Dunn, among the above, shall only be tried, and all the others to abide the decision of said suit; that an appeal may be prosecuted to the proper court, by the said Dunn or the city, and that all the other causes shall abide the event of said cause (appeal, if any, taken), and that the costs be adjudged, but the questions of law reserved for the decision of each court trying the same. Either party to prosecute a suit of error to the Supreme Court from the decision of the court.

If Judge Rucker's decision is adverse to the city or the defendants, judgments are to be entered in each case without further proceedings but execution to be stayed until final decision of Supreme or Circuit Court."

MR. BLACKWELL then commenced his argument in behalf of the defendants. It was an able and learned argument, and presented with force and clearness, every salient point which it was possible to bring forward.

He commenced by a review of previous legislation in this State on this subject, coming down finally to the act passed at the last session of the legislature. He then took the position that the 30th section of that act, repealed all laws prohibiting the issuing or granting of licenses to sell liquors from and after February 12, 1855, and therefore the license laws and ordinances of the city of Chicago, and among them the ordinance under which this suit is brought. The power to regulate and restrain the sale of liquors remains in the city government, but the power to license is taken away. They cannot issue licenses for three months or for more than one license for less than a year, they can for more than a year, which is manifestly absurd. Cites constitution of Illinois Art. 9, 2 Minter's Laws, 1855, Smith's Com. on Constitutional law, 686-9, 687.

Nor is there any room for construction in striving at the meaning of this 30th section. It is as plain that its meaning lies upon its face as it plainly expresses. It repeals that part of the city charter which empowers the city to issue licenses, from and after Feb. 12, 1855. If it were not so, the city might grant a license for a whole year from April 1, 1855! Then would the Maine Law limit be virtually set at naught. In every State in the Union where the Maine Law has been passed, this same identical clause has been inserted, for the purpose and for the purpose of preventing the local and inferior tribunals of the States from interfering in its operation. And we have not learned by telegraph that in the city politic that I am maintaining has been contested by the solemn legal opinion of the State Attorney of the State of New York, who has, in reply to Mayor Wood, given it as his opinion that there is no law now in force in that State (since the passage of a Maine Law there five years) empowering the city to grant licenses, or to punish persons selling without licenses.

I take the position, Sir, that the same state of things exists in this State and city. Namely that there is no power in our city government to grant licenses for the sale of liquors from Feb. 12 to July 1, 1855, and no power to punish or fine persons for selling liquor without license. Will the citizens of this city of Chicago lead to evil consequences? It may be, partial evil; but it must be borne for the sake of the universal good that will follow after the first of July. Besides, Sir, your honor has nothing to do with the decision. Consequences must take care of themselves.

The decision was postponed till Monday.

An Hour Pleasantly Spent.

In looking over our old exchanges our eye chanced to fall upon a notice of the "Pesh Family" Concert, which was repeated from the Charleston, S. C. Courier, which was also other delightful entertainment in that place, and as they are about to favor us soon with a visit we will give it for their benefit:

The first entertainment of this well trained family, that forms apparently "a happy family," both socially and musically, was given last evening to a full house, and the audience were highly gratified even the highest anticipations, considering the short time of the rehearsal. Their instrumental harmonies were varied and diversified by attractive bells of magic tone; and the vocalists were ambitious of a rival Pesh. The state of the atmosphere had apparently some effect on Pesh's voice, which seemed even here they furnished a rich repast, and Miss Julia's voice seemed to be in concert after her favorite manner of "Bonny Lassie," which was given with peculiar appropriate effect. Master Willie, a little fellow of four years old, also appeared—not on the stage, but on a chair—and sang a very natural ballade in a style which will require a few of some years older to surpass. The fact, however, that some of the family are absent, notwithstanding the full bill and the unfavorable state of the hall, is a great drawback to the impression made. To judge the relative merits of the talented members, comparing to the family, is a task which, we feel, nobody, we must hear them again—whether the general result is an unusual amount of musical talent.

The Pesh Family appear at Metropolitan Hall this evening.

Another Fire.

About 4 P. M. another firebroke out in Eliza Place, between Hatchett and Yankum streets, which, it is to be greatly to be feared, the property of Alexander Doyle. It is supposed that it was set on fire by some evil disposed person.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The article in rebellion to "Sargent's Series of School Readers" can only be inserted as a paid advertisement.

Another Suicide.

Coroner Enoch was called on Saturday morning to hold an inquest on the body of a man named ROLLIN BEMS, who lived on Griswold street, and who committed suicide on the previous night. He had tied himself by a handkerchief to a bed post, and then throwing himself out upon the floor choked himself to death, while his wife and a portion of his body were resting upon the boards. He leaves a wife and one child. He had been an invalid for some time, and was labouring under temporary absence of mind.

Fire.

The alarm of fire on yesterday morning at 11 o'clock was caused by the burning of a small dwelling occupied by an Irish family, situated on State street, immediately above Batterice & Cook's store, corner of State and Lake streets. The combined state of the city brought an immense concourse together at the alarm, but the flames were speedily extinguished and no disturbance occurred.

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